REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 11, 2000 Claims 1 to 9, 15 to 21, 23, 29 to 35, 37 and 74 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 15, 29 and 74 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1 to 7, 9, 15 to 21, 23, 29 to 35, 37 and 74 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and 35 U.S.C. § 101 were overcome.

Claims 1 to 7, 9, 15 to 21, 23, 29 to 35, 37 and 74 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the meaning of "value as print item information" was allegedly indefinite. Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 15, 29 and 74 have been amended to clarify that the "value" is a value input as items for print setting in accordance with the generated printing conditions setting screen. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 15, 29 and 74 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

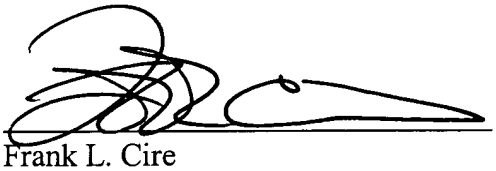
Claim 29 has been amended in accordance withe the Examiner's kind suggestions. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claim 29 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the allowability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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